

# LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 6

Statistical Data Report for April 2007

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*April 2007  
Labor Force Estimates  
(not seasonally adjusted)  
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This newsletter is a monthly report on a variety of statistical data for the Muncie MSA and Region.



The Economic Growth Region (EGR) 6 includes: Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay, Randolph, Rush, Union and Wayne Counties.

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate 2007	Rate 2006
U. S.	151,829,000	145,297,000	6,532,000	4.3%	4.5%
Indiana	3,245,750	3,092,872	152,878	4.7%	4.9%
Muncie MSA	56,741	53,670	3,071	5.4%	5.9%
EGR 6	168,241	158,784	9,457	5.6%	5.9%
Blackford County	6,746	6,307	439	6.5%	6.2%
Delaware County	56,741	53,670	3,071	5.4%	5.9%
Fayette County	10,356	9,548	808	7.8%	7.8%
Henry County	22,820	21,516	1,304	5.7%	5.7%
Jay County	11,732	11,186	546	4.7%	4.4%
Randolph County	12,576	11,805	771	6.1%	7.3%
Rush County	9,400	8,941	459	4.9%	4.4%
Union County	3,820	3,639	181	4.7%	5.3%
Wayne County	34,050	32,172	1,878	5.5%	5.8%
Muncie City	31,343	29,485	1,858	5.9%	6.5%
Richmond City	17,625	16,607	1,018	5.8%	5.7%

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING (HIGH TO LOW)

April 2007	COUNTY
1	Fayette
4	Blackford
10	Randolph
16	Henry
22	Wayne
24	Delaware
43	Rush
48	Jay
50	Union
92	Hamilton (3.1%)



## SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT April 2007

(not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois	4.7%
Kentucky	5.1 %
Michigan	6.8%
Ohio	5.6%



## REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were little changed or slightly higher in April. Overall, 33 states recorded over the month unemployment rate increases, 13 states registered decreases, and 4 states had no change, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 29 states, up in 19 states, and unchanged in 2 states. The Northeast and South again registered the lowest unemployment rates among the four regions, 4.2 percent each. The Midwest again reported the highest rate, 5.1 percent. Montana again recorded the lowest unemployment rate in April 2007, 2.2 percent. The states with the next lowest rates were Hawaii at 2.4 percent and Utah at 2.5 percent. Michigan and Mississippi again reported the highest unemployment rates, 7.1 and 6.8 percent, respectively. Overall, 16 states registered unemployment rates that were significantly below the U.S. rate, 8 states recorded measurably higher rates, and 26 states had rates that were statistically little different from that of the nation. In April, Illinois and Michigan registered the largest unemployment rate increases from a month earlier.

## ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

[http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps\\_htgm.htm](http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_htgm.htm)

For the detailed news summary regarding the employment situation in the United States click on the following link: (Adobe Acrobat necessary)

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empst.pdf>

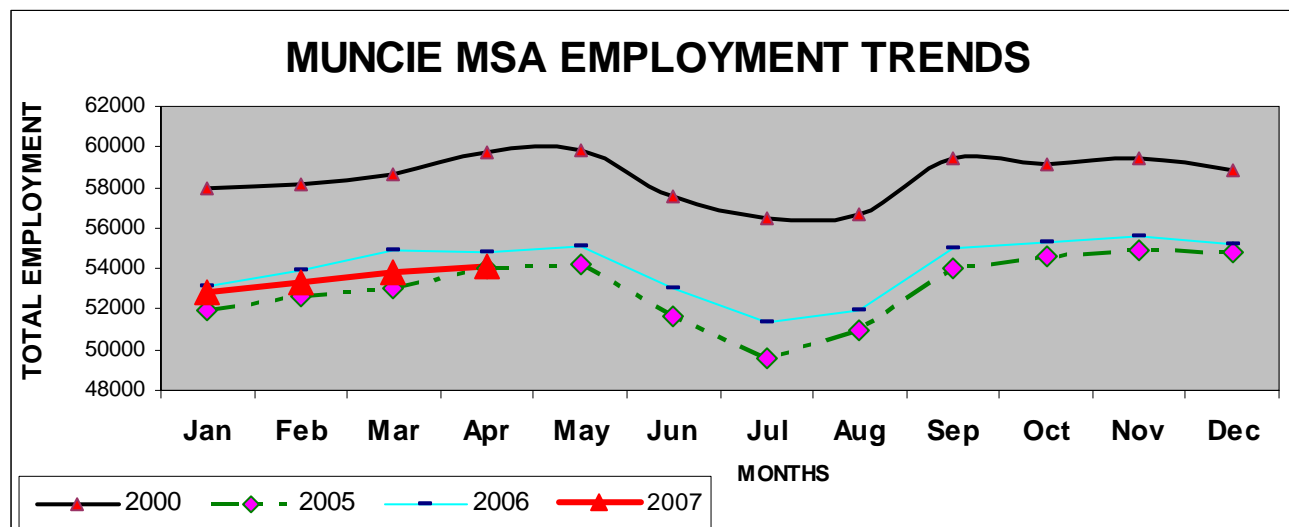
# MUNCIE MSA

## WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT



	Muncie MSA			CHANGE FROM			
	APRIL 2007	MARCH 2007	APRIL 2006	MAR. 2007 TO APR. 2007		APR. 2006 TO APR. 2007	
Total Nonfarm	54,100	53,800	54,800	+300	+0.6%	-700	-1.3%
Total Private	41,400	40,900	42,000	+500	+1.2%	-600	-1.4%
Goods Producing	7,900	7,700	8,300	+200	+2.6%	-400	-4.8%
Service-Providing	46,200	46,100	46,500	+100	+0.2%	-300	-0.6%
Private Srvc Provide	33,500	33,200	33,700	+300	+0.9%	-200	-0.6%
Mining & Construction	2,300	2,200	2,300	+100	+4.5%	+0	+0.0%
Manufacturing	5,600	5,500	6,000	+100	+1.8%	-400	-6.7%
Trade,Transportation,Utilities	9,100	9,100	9,400	+0	+0.0%	-300	-3.2%
Wholesale Trade	1,200	1,200	1,200	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Retail Trade	6,800	6,800	7,000	+0	+0.0%	-200	-2.9%
Trans,Warehouse,Utilities	1,100	1,100	1,200	+0	+0.0%	-100	-8.3%
Information	500	500	500	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Financial Activities	2,000	2,000	2,000	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Professional and Business	5,200	5,100	5,000	+100	+2.0%	+200	+4.0%
Educational and Health	9,200	9,200	9,300	+0	+0.0%	-100	-1.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,600	5,400	5,600	+200	+3.7%	+0	+0.0%
Other Services	1,900	1,900	1,900	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Government	12,700	12,900	12,800	-200	-1.6%	-100	-0.8%
State Government	8,100	8,300	8,100	-200	-2.4%	+0	+0.0%
Local Government	4,200	4,200	4,300	+0	+0.0%	-100	-2.3%
Local Govt Education	2,500	2,500	2,600	+0	+0.0%	-100	-3.8%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics.

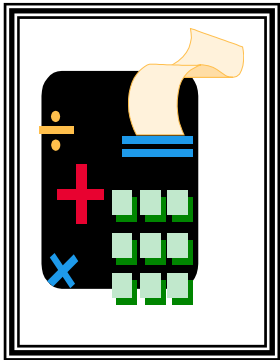


### WAGE DEMAND INFORMATION

How many people are looking for work and how much do they expect to be paid? The Department of Workforce Development [Customer Self Service System \(CS3\)](#) performs matches between job applicants looking for work and employers looking for new employees. **Wage Demand** provides the number of applicants registered in CS3, as well as the annual and median wages that the applicants expect to be paid.

As of 6/5/2007	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number of Applicants
Region 6	\$24,007	\$18,720	10,047
Indiana	\$25,888	\$20,800	122,952

## APRIL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY LOCAL OFFICE



LOCAL OFFICE	April 2007	March 2007	Previous Month % Change	April 2006	Year Ago % Change
Anderson	9,750	9,891	-1.4%	7,974	22.3%
Auburn	13,299	14,457	-8.0%	9,442	40.8%
Connersville	1,174	1,812	-35.2%	2,320	-49.4%
Fort Wayne	19,565	19,986	-2.1%	16,419	19.2%
Marion	8,246	8,323	-0.9%	5,687	45.0%
Muncie	10,323	11,387	-9.3%	10,634	-2.9%
Richmond	4,630	4,143	11.8%	3,271	41.5%
INDIANA	288,300	310,135	-7.0%	253,681	13.6%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, UI Statistics

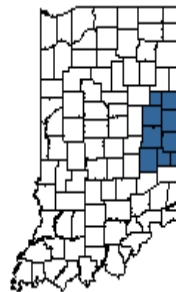
### APPLICANT POOL ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6

Applicant Pool provides a numerical ranking of the top twenty jobs being sought by job applicants. These data are extracted from the Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3). Each week the job title list in the applicant pool is determined by examining the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. The twenty job titles that are specified most often by job applicants in the CS3 system are listed. The numbers of applicants requesting those jobs are also displayed. Report date June 5, 2007

Job Title	Number of Applicants
Assemblers (Factory Work)	3,956
Production Laborers	3,223
All Other Machine Operators	2,729
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	2,269
Hand Packers & Packagers	2,136
All Other Hand Workers	2,045
Production Inspectors, Tester, Graders	1,527
Cashiers, General	1,459
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,361
General Office Clerks	1,336
All Other Metal & Plastic Mach Operators	1,317
All Other Machine Setters&Setup Operators	1,284
Order fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,229
Other Hand Material Movers	1,165
Machine Assemblers	1,135
Packaging/Filling Machine Operators	1,112
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,097
Production Helpers	1,071
Receptionists/Information Clerks	1,046
Other Inspectors & Testers	1,015

### LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>.



### Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWIs) 1<sup>ST</sup> Quarter 2006 Economic Growth Region 6 and Indiana

QWI	EGR 6 (Q1)	INDIANA (Q1)
Total Employment	123,157	2,797,099
Net Job Flows	-841	-27,164
Job Creation	6,396	128,108
New Hires	17,015	401,266
Separations	22,946	496,131
Turnover	9.90%	10.20%
Avg. Monthly Earnings	\$2,640	\$3,218
Avg. New Hire Earnings	\$1,961	\$2,043

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, Local Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD), Local Employment Dynamics (LED), 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2006.



# TOP 20 FREQUENTLY LISTED JOBS

Economic Growth Region 6

APRIL 2007

Customer Self Service System (CS3)

OCCUPATIONAL TITLES	MINIMUM WAGE	MEDIUM WAGE	MAXIMUM WAGE
Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$24,960	\$40,300	\$52,000
Maintenance Repairers : General Utility	\$18,720	\$29,224	\$44,075
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	\$14,040	\$20,800	\$40,373
Machinery Maintenance Servicers	\$29,224	\$39,520	\$44,075
Woodworking Machine Operators	\$14,560	\$14,560	\$14,560
Waiters & Waitresses	\$8,034	\$9,360	\$12,480
Secretaries - Other	\$9,968	\$22,000	\$31,000
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	\$14,040	\$20,280	\$26,894
General Office Clerks	\$18,200	\$20,800	\$31,000
Stock Clerks : Stockroom/Warehouse	\$13,260	\$17,160	\$26,894
Guards & Watch Guards	\$13,260	\$23,847	\$26,894
Administrative Assistants	\$16,640	\$26,020	\$45,000
Salespersons : Retail	\$12,480	\$14,560	\$40,000
Security Managers	\$26,894	\$26,894	\$28,350
Customer Service Reps -Utilities	\$14,492	\$18,720	\$31,000
Transportation Agents	\$26,894	\$26,894	\$26,894
All Other Machine Operators	\$16,120	\$19,760	\$21,050
Cashiers, General	\$9,360	\$14,492	\$19,323
Construction Installation Workers	\$18,720	\$20,800	\$22,880
Janitors & Cleaners	\$8,034	\$18,741	\$30,326



## Consumer Price Index

### 1 Month Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

### Midwest Urban Average (All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2006	0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.7	-0.7	0.3	0.1
2007	0.1	0.7	1.0	0.5								

### 12 Months Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

### Midwest Urban Average (All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2006	3.6	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.3	2.8	0.6	0.1	1.3	1.7
2007	1.2	2.0	2.3	2.3								

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



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